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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- February 1987

I. GENERAL

A. Embassy GSO is proceeding with planned improvements and repairs to Bureau housing, but is still having difficulty with FBO over funding of upgrades to the new house occupied by editor [redacted]. In view of this problem, Bureau has requested and received approval from OL to proceed with planned security upgrades. Improvements planned for other Bureau houses, for which GSO has received and allotted approximately \$25K, include replacing the electrical panel in the engineer's house, remodeling the kitchen and replacing the security fence at deputy chief's house, and repairing termite damage to the dining room and installing shelving in the bureau chief's house.

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B. Much progress has been made during the month in utilizing the Bureau's computer capabilities. Thanks largely to the efforts of editor [redacted] who has taken on the additional duty of overseeing the Bureau's automation efforts, the RSA Press Review is now being prepared in soft copy. It is created on the IBM PC and then loaded into the XT, where a header is added, thus eliminating the need for retyping by the communicators. In addition, the Afrikaans and Portuguese section chiefs have begun experimenting with other PC applications, such as creating reference files and preparing the bi-weekly work schedules.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The RSA Bureau for Information announced that "cases of unrest" had decreased by 70 percent in the second half of 1986, which it attributed to the introduction of the state of emergency. Press restrictions under the state of emergency have also had a dramatic impact on the Bureau file, which decreased by 45 percent during the same period.

2. In a meeting with foreign correspondents on 3 February, RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha announced the adoption of a "tougher line" toward the United States, saying that it was time to show the U.S. Congress "that it could not determine the future of South Africa." A few days later he reacted sharply to a report to President Reagan from a special advisory group, which called for

greater international pressure on South Africa to end apartheid. He added that Secretary of State George Shultz would not be welcome in South Africa if he wanted to discuss the report.

3. RSA domestic politics were highlighted by the adjournment of parliament to allow campaigning for the 6 May general election to the white House of Assembly. Several prominent National Party members, dissatisfied with the party's policy on reform, have resigned; and at least two, including the former ambassador to Great Britain, Dennis Worrall, have declared their intention to run as independents.

4. South Africa officially denied published reports that South African Air was involved in the illegal shipment of arms supplies to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

5. In the early hours of 19 February, the palace of Chief Sebe, president of the nominally independent homeland of Ciskei, was attacked by several truckloads of armed men. The attackers were quickly driven off and Chief Sebe was not injured. Ciskei accused the neighboring homeland of Transkei of engineering a coup attempt. Although Transkei denied the charge, South Africa warned Transkei not to allow its territory to be used for violence against Ciskei.

6. The U.S. and UK vetoes of the UN Security Council resolution calling for mandatory sanctions against South Africa drew the expected reactions. RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha called the vote "predictable" and said it merely postponed the international "vendetta" against South Africa. The ANC "vehemently condemned" the vetoes, and the Zimbabwe foreign minister accused the United States of hypocrisy.

#### B. Lateral Services/Cruising

1. On 14 February, Lusaka Domestic Service disclosed that its medium wave transmitter had been off the air for about 2 weeks after being hit by lightning. The Bureau covers Lusaka almost exclusively from short wave frequencies, and coverage was not effected.

2. Reception of the 0700 GMT and 1200 GMT Luanda Domestic Service casts has improved with the introduction of a new frequency, 9720 khz.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### Personnel

Editor [ ] received her promotion to GS-11 step 2 as of 1 February 1987.

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Engineer [ ] was medically evacuated back to the Washington area on 16 February.

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### IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

With the help of the head of the local contract guard service, the deputy chief managed to kill a 5-foot Green Mamba snake which

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had taken up residence in a large shrub in his back yard. The shrub was nearly burned down in the process, but the gardener believes it will survive.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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## Swaziland Bureau Production Report for FEBRUARY 1987

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	344722
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	30910
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	864

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7024.00 min.	13980.00 min.	131.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

## ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in  
Portuguese

14960

## BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in  
English  
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in  
English

9230

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## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in  
English to Zimbabwe  
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in  
Ndebele to Zimbabwe  
(Clandestine) KUP in  
Portuguese to Southern and Central  
Africa  
(Clandestine) KUP in  
English to Southern and Central  
Africa  
(Clandestine) KUP in  
French to Southern and Central  
Africa

1360

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## LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in  
English  
Maseru Domestic Service in  
seSotho

130

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## MALAWI

Blantyre Domestic Service in  
English

430

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	16590		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	3670		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			0
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek NAMIBIAN in English			750
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		9650	
Dakar PANA in French		270	
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	8720		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	730		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	21730		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	9600		
Johannesburg Television in English	13440		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	7590		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		124180	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			480
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			250
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			680
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			0
Johannesburg DIE VADERLAND in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg O' SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			3680
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			6590
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English			1110
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			470
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			3250
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English			10510
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			46700
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	150		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	1000		
Mbabane Television in English	0		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			500
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			0
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			22

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in			
Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
Moscow in			
Afrikaans to Southern Africa	780		
Moscow in			
English to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in			
Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	6430		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Radio Freedom in			
English	0		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in			
Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in			
English	0		
Lusaka Domestic Service in			
English	5510		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in			
English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in			
English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Voice of Namibia in			
English	0		
Harare Domestic Service in			
English	7440		
Harare Domestic Service in			
Ndebele	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in			
English			650
Harare THE HERALD in			
English			4070
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in			
English			0